

METHOD FOR DIGITAL RIGHTS MANAGEMENT INCLUDING SELF ACTIVATING/SELF AUTHENTICATION SOFTWARE

Abstract

A system and method for digital rights management include designating software for protection via a corresponding code or identifier within the software. The identifier is detected by an authorized representative entity that may be resident on a user computer, network, or device, remotely located relative to the user, or both. Software/digital content being self-activating/self-authenticating when used in conjunction with a resident authorized administrator. During the first use or transfer of the content designated for protection, the authorized representative generates a password or authentication code at least partially based on user system information and links the code to the content. Subsequent use or access to the content requires that the current system information at least partially match the system information of the authorized system. Registration information associated with the user/device remaining within a trusted network associated with the user providing optimal user privacy.